BONUS REGULATIONS OF STATE REVISED

Pooling of Property by Applicants Forbidden.

LIENS TO BE DEDUCTED

Appraisal of Land to Be Confined to Real Value; All Estimates Are to Be Checked.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Revised rules and regulations with relation to the operations of the world war veterans' state aid commission were made public today by Captain Harry C. Brumbaugh, secretary of the commission. The new rules became effective January 25.

Important among the revised regulations are the following:

Acceptance of a loan for less than $3000 does not prevent the applicant subsequently applying for an amount that will make his aggregate applications $3000. Pooling of property of two or more applicants will not be permitted. Each applicant must be separate, and no loans will be made on undivided interest in property.

Two or more parcels of property located in one county may be offered as security.

Timber lands or mining claims will not be accepted as security for a loan, nor unproductive or unimproved property unless part of the proceeds of the loan is for the construction of a home on the property.

Rejection of application for a certain amount as a loan on property does not operate to prevent the submission of a new application for a loan. The net appraisal of the land is arrived at by deducting all liens for public improvements, sewers, drainage rights or irrigation.

When proceeds of a loan are to be used to accomplish the transfer of title, the transaction will be handled through a bank or trust company. When the applicant wishes advances made to meet payments for material and labor, the transactions will be through an authorized bank or trust company.

Estimates to Be Checked.

No advance to borrowers for improvements on real property to meet payments for material or labor shall be authorized unless the applicant or qualified relative is the owner of the property at the time of completion of the loan as provided by the rules and regulations.

The appraisal of the land shall be confined to a real value. Plans, specifications and building estimates will be checked in the office of the commission and will be considered by the commission, together with the appraiser's report in determining the amount of the loan to be authorized. In cases where money is to be advanced on a contract, the contract shall set out the periods of construction at which payments shall be made to the contractor and the commission shall be furnished a certificate of the contractor approved by the borrower and the architect or agent of the commission, to the effect that such stage of construction has been reached. Also that the construction and workmanship conform to the plans and specifications. The trust company or bank then shall prepare the claim voucher covering the amount due, have it duly signed and verified by the applicant and have the same forwarded to the commission. If approved by the commission, it will be forwarded to the secretary of state for audit and payment.

Meetings to Be Weekly.

When the actual payment of bonuses and advancement of loans start, probably about March 1, the members of the commission will hold meetings in Salem as frequently as once a week. This will be necessary, the commissioners said, because of that provision of the bonus law which provides that all appraisals of land shall finally be passed on by the state.

Applications for loans and cash bonuses continue to arrive at the commission headquarters in large numbers. As previously announced approximately 60 per cent of the applicants prefer the cash bonus to the loan. This is due to a large extent to the fact that many ex-service men who originally desired to obtain the loan, have found themselves without any security acceptable to the state. The only alternative for these men is to accept cash compensation based upon the time they served in the army or other branches of the military service during the world war.

Approximately 50 men and women are now employed in the bonus offices, and the applications are being checked over almost as rapidly as they arrive. As far as possible, the bonus commission is employing only ex-service men and women.

It was said here today that money to be derived from bonds sold here recently probably will be available about March 1. This money will aggregate approximately $10,000,000, and will go far toward meeting the applications for cash bonuses now on file at the commission headquarters.

OREGON HOTEL HAS FIRE

BLAZE PUT OUT WHILE 175 PATRONS SLEEP.

Flames at Top of Air Shaft; Only Damage Broken Panes and Soiled Carpets.

A fire which broke out at the top of an air shaft at the Oregon hotel, early yesterday morning was extinguished by firemen from engine company No. 21 and chemical company No. 1 while 175 patrons in the hotel slept peacefully only a few knowing that anything unusual had happened.

G. A. Buell, night clerk, was attracted by the smell of smoke which had been blown down the air shaft. He investigated and found some debris around the skylight on fire. A telephone call was sent to fire headquarters and the two companies responded.

A few of the patrons who were not then asleep noticed the smoke and several more were aroused by unavoidable noise made by the fire engines and the men, but nearly everyone in the hotel slept through the fire.

Beyond one or two broken panes in the skylight and several soiled carpets there was no damage.

25 VIOLINISTS FEATURE

Eichenlaub's Ensemble Club Heard at Municipal Auditorium.

The playing of Eichenlaub's ensemble club of 25 violinists featured the popular concert at the municipal auditorium yesterday afternoon. The club was organized in the interest of good music and, although not professional in character, includes in its membership only talented musicians.

Miss Phyllis Wolfe appeared as soprano soloist, with Miss Mary Nullock as accompanist. Frederick W. Goodrich played several numbers on the pipe organ.

The complete programme follows:

Triumphal March from "Aida" (Verdi); Overture to "Semiramide" (Rossini); Frederick W. Goodrich, organist; Prelude to "Lohengrin" (Wagner); Eichenlaub Ensemble club, Franck O. Eichenlaub, director, Beatrice Eichenlaub, accompanist; "In an Enchanted Forest" (Spilsky); Lullaby from "Erminie" (Jakobowski); Rondo d'Amour (Westerhout), Mr. Goodrich; vocal solos, "Bird of the Wilderness" (Horsman); "Spring Singing" (MacFadyen); "If I Knew" (Gaynor); song of the Robin Woman from Shanewis (Cadman); Phyllis Wolfe; Melody (Dawes); Two Hungarian Dances (Brahms), Mr. Goodrich; Marche Nuptiale (Papini), Eichenlaub Ensemble club.

LIMITING CROPS OPPOSED

WASHINGTON OFFICIAL SAYS POLICY WILL REACT.

Action of National Agricultural Conference Urging Farmers to Cut Acreage Discussed.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—The action of the national agricultural conference in Washington, D. C., in voting for a limitation of farm crop acreage until agricultural conditions improve was disapproved in a statement issued today by Director E. L. French of the state department of agriculture.

"It is hard to believe," the statement read, in part, "that any considerable number of farmers will take their inspiration from this decision, or are prepared to let their land lie idle rather than produce food at a time when the great majority of the white people of the world are not sufficiently fed.

"There is a distinction to be drawn here. It is proper and in some instances wise for a farmer to cease growing one crop that has proved unprofitable to him and to turn to another which shows better possibilities. There was sanity and wisdom displayed by the southern farmers who in the last few years have limited their acreage in cotton in order to devote that acreage to the production of foodstuffs for which they had previously been dependent upon other states. But to let any considerable portion of the farm acreage lie idle, as apparently proposed by the Washington conference, is a colossal blunder.

"There is no prospect of production in any staple line in excess of the world's real and pressing needs, although it might be possible, through limiting production, to increase the price so that the poorer cannot buy and must suffer further deprivation. No one can forecast the future, even for one crop year. Under ordinary conditions we have but little excess production, even of the great staples, beyond domestic requirements.

"This policy will react on the grower. The farmers are entitled and in some staples do receive protection against the dumping of foreign products on our markets.

"But if they deliberately reduce production so as to make foreign importations necessary in case of a short crop, in order to supply our domestic needs, how long will such protection as they have be extended to them, and what prospect will they have for the further protection for which they are asking?"

PHYSICIANS PAY TRIBUTE

Funeral of Captain Kuykendall Is Held at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Several hundred citizens of Eugene and of the state attended the funeral of Captain John Eberle Kuykendall, who died in France after the armistice was signed, held at the First Methodist church this afternoon.

Dr. J. M. Walters, pastor of the church, and P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon, spoke. Pallbearers were members of the medical profession from different parts of the state who were in the service with Captain Kuykendall. They were Dr. Guy Strohm, Dr. Harry Moore, Dr. Frank Mount, Dr. Carleton Smith, Dr. Dick Ross and Dr. M. G. Howard.

Captain Kuykendall organized what was known at first as the University of Oregon Red Cross ambulance company and it was afterward mustered into the army service at Camp Lewis, Wash. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon and a football player during his college career.

INSTITUTE DRAWS CROWD

Three-Day Session at Pine Grove Is Brought to Close.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Large crowds attended the sixth annual Pine Grove Community Institute, which closed its three-day session today with religious exercises.

All meetings of the institute, which began Friday night with a programme largely devoted to a health and sanitation crusade, have been well attended. Residents from all parts of the valley were present. The biggest day was Saturday, when the meeting lasted throughout the day with a basket luncheon at noon.

At the Friday night meeting addresses were delivered by Dr. Carolyn Underhill, local dentist, who spoke on the care of children's teeth, and Mrs. Glendora Blakeley, county health nurse. Children of the school participated in drills.

Eugene Elks to Celebrate.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Eugene lodge of Elks will celebrate its 25th anniversary at a banquet Wednesday night. It is expected that many of the charter members now living and scattered in different parts of the coast country will attend. The local lodge was instituted January 12, 1907. It was intended to hold the celebration January 12, but the exalted ruler, Ben F. Russell, was ill from pneumonia and has only recently recovered sufficiently to be out.

Tax Reduction Suit Filed.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Suit for reduction of taxes on tracts of timber was filed yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hogan. They set forth that the timber on the land is mostly hemlock and small. The assessor's valuation for taxation purposes was $22,570, and the value set by the plaintiffs is $6358. The reduction in taxes asked is from $1125.49 to $308.95.

Old Pioneer City Unearthed.

MADRID, Feb. 5.—El Imparcial publishes a report from Bantibanez of the discovery there of extensive remains of what apparently was once a Roman city. Traces of a highway running toward Astorga, cisterns with piping of copper, gold coins, fragments of ceramics and vases filled with ashes are said to have been unearthed.

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SEATTLE'S OFFER TO GOETHALS IS FUNNY

City Anxious for General to Visit Skagit Project.

SPOKANE SEEMS AMUSED

Former Refusal to Enter Pot to Bear Expense of Bringing Engineer to State Recalled.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 4.—In a statement given out in Spokane today to a representative of the Post-Intelligencer, Major-General George W. Goethals, who is engaged in making a survey of the Columbia basin project for the state of Washington, declared he would not be able to inspect the city's Skagit river project, as he had previously intimated he would like to do. General Goethals said he would remain in Seattle but a day visiting friends, and would then go to San Francisco. Completion of the work of surveying the basin project may take ten days, it was said.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Olympia, Wash., Feb. 5.—If the membership of the Spokane chamber of commerce is possessed of the average sense of humor it has the chance for anything from a grin to a guffaw over the invitation that Seattle officially extends to General Goethals to visit and inspect the Skagit river power project. Tacoma may also edge in on the merriment. It is considered very funny here, especially around the department of settlement and reclamation, which, in a way, is responsible for General Goethals' presence in the northwest at this time.

The well-known purpose of General Goethals' visit is to investigate and report on the Columbia river basin irrigation project. He is already at that job, and from the outset of the negotiations to obtain his expert opinion it has been understood that his time is limited. The fee for his services, all that he asked for, is thought to be sufficient to insure his undivided attention to the one task up to the limit of his time.

Project Big to Seattle.

From the Seattle point of view, however, it seems that the Skagit project, now in process of development under a bitter controversial fire, looms bigger than anything else on earth. As long as so distinguished an engineer as General Goethals is in the neighborhood it was thought a good plan to invite him over and get him to say something, after he has finished frittering away his time with the lesser concerns of eastern Washington. A Seattle newspaper correspondent, sent to meet General Goethals at Spokane, gave him first news of the Skagit. The general expressed a courteous conversational interest. On the strength of this Acting Mayor Hesketh of Seattle, City Engineer Dimock and C. F. Uhden, chief engineer of the Skagit project, united in a cordial invitation to visit Seattle and the Skagit. In noting the fact of the invitation, Seattle newspapers say that if General Goethals comes he will be the "guest of the city." In other words, it will not cost him anything for the privilege.

Seattle Once Refused.

But the humor of the situation lies back of the more recent facts. Seattle was once invited to share in the cost of bringing General Goethals to the state; only once, however, for the first signs of reluctance to contribute were followed by prompt withdrawal of the invitation. The first move to secure General Goethals' services was made by Spokane, the natural center of interest in the Columbia basin development. Dan A. Scott, director of the state department of settlement and reclamation, came quickly to the front with proffer of all that remained of the fund appropriated by the legislature for the surveys of the project. General Goethals' fee is $25,000. Director Scott's department furnished approximately $15,000. Tacoma promises about $2000. Spokane stands responsible for the remainder.

Seattle refused to come into the pot. And not only that—Seattle specifically spurned the Columbia river basin project, and through its chamber of commerce, declared opposition to any such undertaking. Opinion in Spokane and elsewhere throughout the state is that Seattle went quite a bit out of its way to "knock." Now, with General Goethals close at hand, and his compensation fully cared for by others, Seattle folk become suddenly eager to have him pass on their own private project.

Before reaching Spokane General Goethals had asked Director Scott to make it plain to all civic and social organizations that he was not coming to fill any speaking engagements. This was in general response to the many invitations to dinners and conferences that were showered on the general by wire as soon as it was known that he was on his way. Early reports of General Goethals at work on the Columbia basin survey show him plowing through snow and enduring a good deal of seasonably cold weather. Whether, when this is done, he will regard a trip into the snow-clad fastnesses of the Skagit as a diversion, remains to be seen.

Proffered Site Viewed.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Feb. 5.—The grand lodge committee of the Knights of Pythias of Oregon, which is to select a site for the proposed home which is to be erected by the Knights of Pythias of Oregon and Washington at some point within a radius of 50 miles of Portland, paid a visit to Forest Grove today and inspected the 15-acre tract of land that is offered by the local lodge and the citizens of Forest Grove.

The party comprised Leif Finseth, grand chancellor commander; Walter G. Gleason, grand keeper of records and seal; Leslie Crouch, supreme representative, and W. J. H. Clark and Fred J. Johnson, grand trustees. These men and their families were guests at a banquet tendered at the Laughlin hotel this afternoon by the Commercial club of this city, after which the site was inspected. The grand lodges of Washington and Oregon propose jointly to erect a home for unfortunate Knights of Pythias, Pythian sisters and orphans.

PACKERS LOSE $5,863,506

MORRIS & CO. REPORTS REDUCTION IN SURPLUS.

Volume of Sales, However, Declared to Be Satisfactory, With $2,500,000 Cash in Bank.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Morris & Co., packers, sustained a net loss for the year ending October 29, 1921, of $5,863,506 while this loss and operating expenses reduced the surplus account from $13,271,796.26 to $1,299,256.43, a decrease of over $11,900,000, according to the financial report made public today.

Volume of sales was satisfactory, however, the report stated, adding that cash in bank is more than $2,500,000 and quick liabilities are about $7,800,000 while quick assets are $33,000,000, a ratio of about five to one.

Commenting on the report in a message to stockholders, Nelson Morris, chairman of the board of directors, said:

"The year just closed has probably been the worst year in the history of both the livestock and packing business. The tremendous drop in all livestock and wholesale meat prices to below pre-war levels has made it impossible to operate except at a loss."

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—The two features of the meat trade during January from the viewpoint of the consuming public were the fact that wholesale prices of fresh pork remained practically unchanged despite an increase of about $2 a hundred in the cost of live hogs, and the vigorous demand for ham, a statement by the institute of American meat packers said today.

Light stocks of pork and hogs at market centers indicate packers have refused to accumulate large stocks at present prices, the report said.

An effort is being made to market as much pork as possible while it is fresh, rather than to place it out cured.

Trade was described as fairly good for January. The market for live cattle showed a lower trend, because cattle receipts and beef shipments in January were heavier than for the latter part of December, said the statement.

Live lambs during the month showed an increase of over 2 cents, the report said.

WATER FIGHT WATCHED

Hood River Litigation Causing Interest Among Attorneys.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Litigation over the rights to water of a spring on the land of Edmund Gehrig, Summitt orchardist, whose neighbors, Philip, Alphonse and Frank Kollas, are seeking to enjoin from the use of the spring, is creating an interest among local irrigation attorneys. Kollas Brothers claim that the recent adjudication of the water rights of the Hood River valley, just passed on by circuit court, grants them the waters of Yew Wood creek. They declare that the spring is a source of the creek.

The defendant, however, says that the spring in question is in marshy soil and that it never had any definite channel until he cut one, developing the waters of the swamp in supplying his home with water and irrigating a small garden tract.

AID TO LABOR OFFERED

Columbia University Ready to Educate Masses, Says Director.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Columbia university stands ready to co-operate with labor unions in education of the masses and thereby wipe out class division, said Professor James C. Egbert, director of the university extension, in a report presented last night by President Nichols Murray Butler.

Asserting that the first national conference on workers' education in the United States was a most significant development in adult education, Professor Egbert expressed surprise that those interested in the movement had not turned to the universities and called attention to establishment, within the last three years, of labor colleges in ten industrial centers, stretching from Boston to Seattle.

Sheriff Has Gold Badge.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Sheriff Gibson is wearing a new star, a gold one, and his friends predict that his pride in the badge will prompt him to increase the number of arrests. The star is a gift from the deputy sheriffs and jailers. It was intended as a Christmas gift, but was late in arriving.

WENATCHEE ROAD WILL GO FORWARD

Backers Say Great Northern Will Not Stop Plans.

FIELD HELD ENORMOUS

Railway Connecting Up State From North to South Declared Need of Irrigators.

PUGET SOUND BUREAU, Seattle, Wash., Feb. 5.—Announcement that the Great Northern Railway company is planning new facilities and extensive improvements at Wenatchee, involving possible expenditure of $500,000, will have no deterrent effect on the efforts of the promoters of the Wenatchee Southern Railway. News dispatches of February 1 from Wenatchee told of the purchase by the Great Northern of 50 acres south of the city, including two tracts over which the Wenatchee Southern had already surveyed its right of way, and speculated on the effect this might have on the proposed new railroad. According to Wenatchee men in Seattle this week it may cause some slight modification of the surveys for the Wenatchee Southern line, but will not change the general purpose.

The survey for the Wenatchee Southern has been completed all the way through from Wenatchee to Kennewick, following down the west bank of the Columbia river.

Cost Is Estimated.

Estimates have been made of construction costs; the major portion of the right of way has been obtained, and the deeds are ready to be placed on file. The city of Wenatchee has granted the new company franchise for the use of certain streets and alleys. The Wenatchee Southern's application for a certificate of necessity has been received by the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C., and has been referred to Governor Hart and the public service commission of the state of Washington for recommendation. The project, according to those interested in it, has thus been brought along almost to the point of final determination and the beginning of construction.

The Wenatchee Southern company was incorporated in October, 1920. The forces leading the movement for the new line were the Pomona grange of Chelan county and the Wenatchee Commercial club.

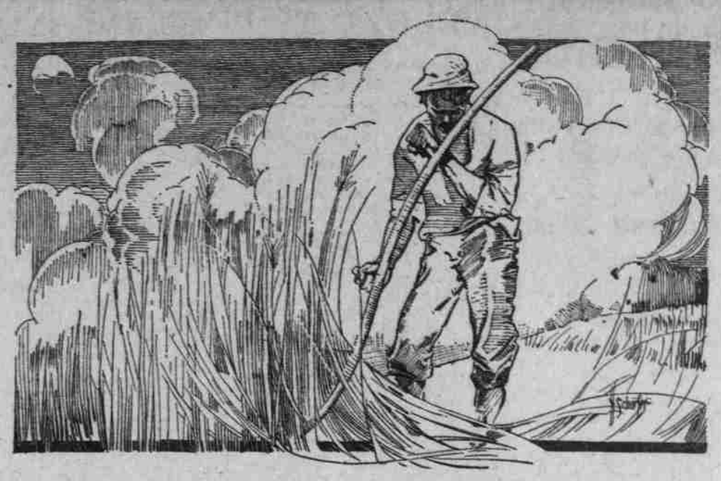
The specific purpose is to build a line of railway, comparatively of short distance in itself, that will connect up with every transcontinental line in the state. At a point 53 miles south of Wenatchee connection would be made with the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, with the assurance, it was said, of joint-user privileges over that line for the 47 miles into Hanford. The distance to be built from Hanford to Richland, on the Northern Pacific, is 21 miles, and from Richland to Kennewick approximately eight miles. The proposed line connects with the Oregon & Washington at a point about five miles west of Kennewick.

The Wenatchee Southern would thus give a north-and-south line through the state, from Oroville, at the international boundary, to Pasco, with access to all parts of the country by its connections with four transcontinental lines.

Work Is Financed.

Work on the project has been financed by the people of Wenatchee and along the proposed route, an easy water grade all the way down. The project originated in the losses said to have been suffered in past years by the fruit growers of central Washington caused by delay in the movement of orchard crops. Wenatchee fruit growers have estimated the 1919 loss in that district at approximately $5,000,000. Some of this loss, it was admitted, came back to the growers in the settlement of their claims, but they maintained that the net loss of the one year alone would have been sufficient to build a considerable stretch of the new railroad.

Each year the orchards of north central Washington are producing a greater fruit tonnage. The shipments of the Wenatchee district in 1919 amounted to 12,156 cars, whereas more than 14,000 cars moved out in 1921. The Wenatchee district, proper, has about 14,000 acres under water, but there is now a plan for the irrigation of 46,000 acres of land in that part of the state which needs but the touch of water to be fertile in the highest degree. It is contended that the utmost possible enlargement of facilities by the present single east-and-west transcontinental railway would not be sufficient to meet the requirements if central and north central Washington are to be further developed.



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